

JASPER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting – February 4, 2014

The Jasper Redevelopment Commission met on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

President John Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

President John Bell	present
Vice President John Schroeder	present
Secretary John Kahle	present
Member Andrew Seger	present
Member Ray Howard	present
Non-voting advisor Bernie Vogler	present

Also Present:

Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney

Kathy Pfister – Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray Howard made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes as presented from the January 2, 2014, Regular Meeting. Vice President Schroeder seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR DISCUSSES IMPORTANCE OF CONJOINING REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN ROLE OF IMPLEMENTING THE NEW DOWNTOWN AND RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN

Mayor Terry Seitz appeared before the Board to stress the importance of the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) and the Economic Development Commission (EDC) working together to play a formal role in implementing the new downtown and riverfront master plan. Mayor Seitz said the two boards should work towards a better understanding of their duties. The first step implemented by Mayor Seitz was to appoint EDC President Andy Seger to the RDC. Mr. Seger will replace Rick Stradtner, who has resigned from the RDC. Mr. Stradtner has been appointed to the EDC, replacing Jim Skillman, who has resigned due to his employment schedule. Mayor Seitz thanked Mr. Skillman for his service and also thanked Mr. Stradtner and Mr. Seger for their willingness to adjust their service to the city.

Attorney Kabrick informed the Board that she met with Ed Curtin, former Executive Director for Columbus, Indiana Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Curtin owns a consulting company, CWC Latitudes. Attorney Kabrick suggested that she contact Mr. Curtin to speak with the board next month, along with inviting the Economic Development Commission and Common Council to explain the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) process.

Darla Blazey, Director of Community Development and Planning, explained the Stellar Communities program, which is a state funding source the City is applying for to help with the cost of the Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan. The Stellar Communities program is a multi-agency partnership designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana's smaller communities. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and Indiana Department of Transportation are participating in this innovative program.

NEW NAME FOR FORMER JASPER COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY

It was recommended at the January Park Board meeting to rename the former Jasper Country Club property. The new name is *The Parklands of Jasper*. Following some discussion, Secretary Kahle made a motion to approve the new name, *The Parklands of Jasper*. Ray Howard seconded it Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Following some discussion, a **motion** was made by Secretary Kahle and seconded by Vice President Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

John Bell, President

ATTEST:

John Kahle, Secretary